

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT
MEETING DATE: May 13, 2003**

TITLE: Public Hearing on FY2003-04 Budget

DEPARTMENT: Management Services	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Notice of Public Hearing	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: L. Bingham Roenigk, 918-7300

PURPOSE

The Board, prior to adopting the FY2003-04 budget ordinance, is required by GS 159-15 (b) to hold a public hearing. The public hearing is designed to receive community input on the Manager's recommended budget for fiscal year 2003-04. The Board will receive public comment.

INFORMATION

The Manager presented his recommended budget for fiscal year 2003-04 to the Board of Aldermen on May 6, 2003. The Board of Aldermen adopted a budget review schedule that set the public hearing for May 13, 2003.

To ensure that the public has access to the budget document and is aware of the public hearing, GS 159-12 (a) requires the Town Clerk to have the budget document in her office for public inspection until the budget ordinance is adopted. In addition, copies of the recommended budget are available at the Carrboro Branch Library and the Chapel Hill Public Library. The budget is also posted on the Town's website at www.townofcarrboro.org.

The statute also requires the Town Clerk to make a copy of the budget available to all news media in the county and to publish a statement that the budget has been submitted to the governing board, and is available for public inspection. The statement must also give notice of the time and place of the budget hearing. Attached is the notice of public hearing published by the Town Clerk in the Chapel Hill Herald and on the Town's website.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Board is requested to receive citizen comments on the recommended budget for 2003-04.